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SUBJ: JOINT THAI-LAO COMMITTEE MEETING  
IN BANGKOK

REF: A) BANGKOK 1133

B) VIENTIANE 0490

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1. EMBOFF ON JANUARY 28 CALLED ON CHAO SINH SAYSANOM,  
CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S OFFICE OF TECHNICAL,  
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND A MEMBER OF THE LAO  
DELEGATION TO THE RECENT THAI-LAO TALKS. CHAO SINH  
CHARACTERIZED THE LAO DELEGATION AS BEING QUITE PLEASED  
WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS AND THE OVER-ALL ATTITUDE  
OF RTG. HE THOUGHT THAT THE ENDING OF THE EXPRESS  
TRANSPORT ORGANIZATION'S MONOPOLY ON TRANSPORT OF GOODS  
THROUGH THAILAND TO LAOS WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULT;  
THIS WAS SOMETHING THE LAO GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN SEEKING  
FOR TWENTY YEARS. HE ALSO THOUGHT THAT THE PROMISED IM-  
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PROVEMENTS IN THAI CUSTOMS PROCEDURES WOULD BE VERY

HELPFUL TO LAOS.

2. IN ADDITION TO ITEMS MENTIONED ABOVE, LAO AND THAI CONFEREES AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO DISCUSS INCREASE IN RATES PAID BY RTG FOR NAM NGUM DAM ELECTRICITY AND TO ESTABLISH CLOSE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE IN A WIDE RANGE OF AREAS OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO BOTH COUNTRIES (REF B). RTG ALSO AGREED TO DISCUSS PROVIDING LAOS WITH INCREASED SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHERWISE TO INCREASE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO KINGDOMS. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION, LEADER OF THE DELEGATION, PHENG PHONGSAVAN, MINISTER OF INTERIOR, LIKE CHAO SINH, EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION OVER THE GENERAL ATTITUDE OF THE THAIS AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE LAO OF BEING ABLE TO DECIDE ON ALTERNATIVES TO ETO FOR TRANSPORTING GOODS THROUGH THAILAND.

3. CHAO SINH SAID HE EXPECTED FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT TO VISIT BANGKOK SOON AFTER THE FORMATION OF THE NEW THAI GOVERNMENT, IN RETURN FOR THE NOVEMBER 1974 VISIT OF THE THAI FOREIGN MINISTER TO LAOS.

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